

**AGENDA:** December 7, 2004

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**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** City Council

**TITLE:** Expansion and Funding of All Stars to Meet Council Goal

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Expand the All Stars Program to Monta Loma and Slater Schools.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) of the \$60,000 placeholder set aside for this goal will be committed to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 2004-05 for expenses associated with the approval of the above recommendation. The budget of Fiscal Year 2005-06 and subsequent years will include the use of the total \$60,000.

### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

On May 27, 2004, the Council Youth Services Committee met to define the proposed Council goals "after-school homework/recreation programs" and "support/collaboration-schools" as referred by the Council on May 11, 2004. The Committee discussed a variety of youth programs and determined to recommend to Council the expansion of the All Stars Program to two to four additional schools and the allocation of between \$62,000 and \$120,000 in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget for that purpose.

The Committee's recommendation was presented at the June 1, 2004 Council Budget Hearing, and the Council took a straw vote to allocate \$60,000 for the Council goal. Council requested that the Committee consider/research a variety of programmatic options for meeting that goal and bring back a more detailed recommendation to the Council at a future meeting. At the June 8, 2004 Budget Hearing, Council voted to adopt the budget, including the placeholder allocation of \$60,000 for the City/school collaboration goal.

The Council Youth Services Committee met on July 6, 2004 to discuss options of expansion of youth services to achieve the City goal with the \$60,000 placeholder. The Committee directed staff to contact the Mountain View-Whisman School District to obtain input. Staff also was directed to do additional research into local and national best practices in the areas of city/school collaboration and after-school programs.

On November 15, 2004, the Council Youth Services Committee met to consider research on local and national best practices in city/school collaboration and after-school services. The Committee also considered feedback from the Mountain View-Whisman School District regarding the goal. After review and discussion of the information provided (see attached reports and draft minutes), the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to Council the expansion of the All Stars Program to Monta Loma and Slater Schools. The Committee cited the request of the Mountain View-Whisman School District and the research about the value of long-term support of children's development in the after-school arena as the prevailing reasons for the choice.

### **SUMMARY**

Based on nationwide research, including that of the National League of Cities, the Committee believes that the expansion of after-school programs would meet the Council's adopted goal of "after-school homework/recreation programs" and "support/collaboration-schools." While the Tween Time Program already serves both middle schools in the Mountain View-Whisman School District, the All Stars Program is serving only three of the seven elementary schools in the District. While the Committee did consider other programmatic options, based on national and local best practices, the Committee feels the expansion of the existing All Stars Program would be the best option. School District officials have requested the expansion and principals at Monta Loma and Slater Schools will select participants based on need as they do at existing All Stars sites. Also, participant evaluations of the existing programs are exemplary. The Committee also believes that All Stars provides the kind of long-term development of children with the greatest need that produces the best benefit for the cost. For these reasons, the Committee recommends that Council direct staff to expand the All Stars Program to Monta Loma and Slater Schools in order to meet the Council goal of school/City collaboration and after-school homework/ recreation. The Committee further recommends that the \$60,000 placeholder fund the expansion.

### **PUBLIC NOTICING** – Agenda posting.

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Attachments: 1. Reports and Draft Minutes from the November 15, 2004 Youth Services Committee meeting.

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2. Recreation Division Memo Regarding All Stars Daily Routine and  
Estimated Fiscal Year 2004-05 Expenditures from Youth Placeholder